

## **Readoption Review**

### **410 IAC 1-4 – Universal Precautions**

IC 4-22-2.5-3.1(c) requires an agency to conduct a review to consider whether there are alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the rule that are less costly or less intrusive, or that would minimize the economic impact of the proposed rule on small business.

#### **Description of Rule:**

This rule defines what universal precautions are and all the potentially infectious pathogens that apply to the use of universal precautions. In addition it provides guidance to facilities for the implementation of universal precautions including sterilizing procedures for equipment, need for hand hygiene, expert review panel to provide confidential consultation and advice on HIV and HBV infected healthcare workers to provide highest level of safe care, protecting the health and safety of the public.

#### **Readoption Analysis:**

- 1) **Is there a continued need for this rule?**  
Yes because this rule protects public health and safety by providing an approach to infection control when handling human blood and certain human body fluids.
- 2) **What is the nature of any complaints or comments received from the public, including small business, concerning the rule or the implementation of the rule by the agency?**  
The only complaints were received from plasma centers not wanting to comply with the rule by following the specified hand hygiene practices by wearing and changing gloves between patients. They didn't see themselves as a healthcare provider as defined in the rule.
- 3) **Examine the complexity of the rule, including difficulties encountered by the agency in administering the rule and small businesses in complying with the rule.**  
ISDH has not had difficulty administering this rule. Most of the inquiries ISDH received are regarding rule interpretation that we quickly professionally provide, allowing business to comply with the rule.
- 4) **To what extent does the rule overlap, duplicate, or conflict with other federal, state, or local laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances?**  
There is no duplication; rather this rule parallels the federal laws and guidelines. This code addresses the procedures on enacting the federal laws and is state specific to the needs of that state.
- 5) **When was the last time the rule was reviewed under this section or otherwise evaluated by the agency, and the degree to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed in the area affected by this rule since that time?**  
The last review was conducted on May 22, 2007 with the exception of 410 IAC 1-4-8 (Precautions Generally) which was amended December 10, 2010. There have been no significant changes since that review.

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